SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 7 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2024, REGARDING SOLAR PANELS

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Committee: Council
Committee - council: Support the recommendations
Committee - other: N/A
Agenda item (number and title): Property 7

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: Property 7 I support this motion, in support of solar panel installation on Winnipeg homes. Modern solar panels make twice as much power per square meter as those made 10 years ago. Please add some words to make this motion better.
Building on this motion, it would be useful for staff to document the actual cost to the city of issuing a permit for a solar panel installation at a city home. While staff are looking at ways to speed the permit process, they could also gather time and cost data. Knowing this would help with decisions at Council on reducing the cost of issuing such permits. We might decide to reduce the homeowner's cost of going solar. In that way city hall can partly offset the carbon cost of some of its arbitrary interference with traffic flow.
Most of what council does also increases the city's carbon footprint. Supporting solar helps to offset the high carbon cost of all way stops, speed bumps, and the congestion caused by bike lanes. Knowing the actual labour cost of issuing a permit, and inspecting the installation will be key to making rational decisions on the streamlining that is called for in this motion, and to setting prices for such permits.

File:
Public engagement preference: Yes